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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Harald KLAHM et al. :
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:
Filed: Herewith : Examiner:
For: GEAR PUMP WITH A DRIVE AND A :
HYDRAULIC TANK :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Amend claims 3, 6, 8, 9 and 10 as follows:

3. (Amended) The device as specified in Claim 1, *wherein* the gears (22) of the external gear pump (20) are contained in a pump chamber (24) of the coupling piece (14) and are driven in rotation in bearing bushes of the coupling piece (14).

6. (Amended) The device as specified in Claim 1, *wherein* an electric motor, in particular a rotary current motor (36) or a direct-current motor (38) or a hydraulic drive is provided as drive mechanism (12).